

VILLA RAIDERS  
PUT ON TRIALSeven Men at Deming Face  
Charge Killing American  
at Columbus, N. M.

Deming, N. M., April 19.—Seven Mexicans charged with having been concerned in the Villa raid on Columbus, N. M., on the morning of Thursday, March 3, went on trial here today on a charge of murder.

The defendants—J. M. Rebo, Amelio Reneria, Tarino Garcia, Juan Rodriguez, Francisco Alvarez, Juan Castillo and Jose Rangel—were indicted last week on the charge of murdering Chas. D. Miller, one of the American victims of the massacre that accompanied the Villa raid on the town of Columbus.

The trial is being held before Judge Edward I. Medler, of Las Cruces, who is presiding in the place of Judge Colin Nebbett.

The prosecution is in the hands of district attorney James R. Waddell, assisted by J. E. Caught, his deputy, and the defense is represented by Buel R. Wood, of Carlsbad.

E. B. Stone, special agent of the U. S. department of justice, who investigated the raid at Columbus, is here from El Paso, looking after the interests of the United States in the case.

Six of the prisoners were captured in Mexico by the Pehring expedition and sent back to the border. They were wounded in the fight at Columbus and were abandoned by Villa at El Valle, in the Galena valley, where the American expedition picked them up.

The jury was chosen without any objection. One juror objected to capital punishment.

**First Witness Heard.**  
Deputy sheriff T. A. Hulsey described the raid and death of Miller. He identified Francisco Alvarez, who was in Columbus six months ago. Tarino Garcia was also there in February, he said, and Jose Rodriguez was in Columbus the night before the raid. He talked to the prisoners after their capture. All stated that they held horses during the raid and were shot on the retreat, but admitted being armed.

It is almost unprecedented in the criminal history of the country to try six men for murder at the same time on the same indictment.

EXPERTS HEARD  
IN SMITH CASELas Cruces Bank Irregularities  
Charged in Alamo-  
gordo Trial.

Alamogordo, N. M., April 19.—J. W. McCarty, assistant cashier of the First National bank of Tucuman, was the principal witness for the state in the case against Turner R. H. Smith, former president of the defunct First State bank of Las Cruces. Last night marked the close of the second day and the second night session of the trial transferred from Las Cruces to Alamogordo on the defense's motion for a change of venue.

McCarty testified that he has had six years' experience in banking and accounting, and is 24 years of age. Since coming to New Mexico, he has made examinations and reports on the International Bank of Commerce, of Tucuman, the First State bank of Tucuman, and two reports on the First State bank of Las Cruces. The first examination of the First State bank of Las Cruces was made in January, 1914, almost a year before its failure. He went to Las Cruces, he said, to make this examination, under instructions from Judge Lieb presiding judge of the district court at Tucuman.

**Had Trouble Seeing Books.**  
The examination to be made, witness said, was for the purpose of settling some differences existing between the First State bank of Tucuman and the First State bank of Las Cruces, and was made in January, 1914, almost a year before its failure. He went to Las Cruces, he said, to make this examination, under instructions from Judge Lieb presiding judge of the district court at Tucuman.

Witness said this examination revealed the fact that the bank was then insolvent, and that he so reported, and that the bank should have been closed at that time. The capital stock at that time, witness declared, had been impaired 75 percent. He said the records showed the undivided profits to be \$423.28, the surplus \$3000. The second investigation he made was after the failure occurred, when he represented the investigating committee of the New Mexico legislature.

**Accounts Identified.**  
The witness identified the account of

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**Three Explosions Sink Ship.**

London, Eng., April 19.—A Lloyd's dispatch from Lisbon says the Norwegian steamship Torje Viken sank on Monday in Saebe bay, 157 miles west of Lisbon after three explosions on board the vessel. The crew was saved.

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**Official Ends Life During Audit.**

Glenns Falls, N. Y., April 19.—While his accounts were being audited, Sterling F. Higley, city chamberlain of Glenns Falls for the past six years, shot himself through the head today and died instantly. His body was found in his office vault, by his secretary, Miss Kelleher. Higley is said to have suffered losses through investments in real estate and moving picture enterprises.

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**Says Germ Causes Cancer.**

Washington, D. C., April 19.—Results of research work which he said would revolutionize present theories regarding the origin of cancer, were announced before the National Academy of Science here Tuesday by Dr. Erwin P. Smith, in charge of the pathological laboratory of the federal bureau of plant industry. He said experiments with plants had convinced him cancer was due to a germ and that solution of the problem of cancer treatment would

**W. F. Jacoby,** treasurer of the town of Las Cruces, advised that the Las Cruces school building fund, this account showed a deposit of \$23,305.60 on Feb. 24, 1914. In November, 1914, this account was overdrawn \$4150, and on

Dec. 3, the day of the failure, the account received a credit entry of \$4150.

July 1914, Joe Medinger's account showed a deposit of \$4150, from which \$2000 in currency was deducted, leaving credit of \$2150. The balance of this testimony was that on July 15, the account of Joe Medinger received a credit of \$2150, that the deposit slip was in Smith's handwriting; that this deposit slip indicated \$2000 in currency had been paid to Medinger, the balance of \$150 being passed to the credit of his individual account. There was a debit slip produced, showing \$2183.30 charged back to Medinger on July 16, \$22.55 of this being a salary check drawn by Joe Medinger, Jr., and the balance of \$2150.

**Denies Drawing Checks.**

Joe Medinger, Jr., testified he is in partnership with his father in the contracting business in Las Cruces. The business account is carried in the name "Joe Medinger," and he had authority to draw checks on this account, though he never drew any checks except for general expenses. He did not receive \$2000 in currency, nor a credit of \$2000, on July 15, 1914.

He said he did not check out \$2150 on July 15 or 16, that he did not draw on either date was for \$23.05. The original check was produced and admitted in evidence. He said he did not authorize any credit of \$2150 to be made in the account on July 15 or 16.

He was not his assistant, he said, to make the deposits or to examine the bank statements.

**Birdwell Tells of Missing Sheet.**

The most damaging evidence introduced so far was given this morning by Joe Birdwell, Jr., former bookkeeper who was recalled to explain the account of the missing sheet. He said the original ledger sheet of the Gerald Monahan account was missing; that he discovered it was missing some time after December 1, 1914. Under direction of Smith he said he erased an item of \$2500 from the original sheet. The erasure did not look good and Smith he said, instructed him to rewrite the sheet entirely.

**Smith Told Him to Make Entry.**

The original sheet was left by the side of the ledger, the witness said, and he does not know what disposition was made of it. He said Smith told him to make a credit entry to offset the \$2500 item. There was also a debit of \$23.40, covering interest on an overdraft. The credit entry was \$2523.40 made by the witness, he said, under the direction of Smith, on December 2. The amount of this credit, the witness said, and \$4150 credited to Jacoby's school building fund, was derived from a note which Smith signed on December 2.

Witness said that on July 15, Joe Medinger's account was credited with \$2150 from a deposit slip made by Smith. The deposit slip showed \$4150 charged to the school building fund, less \$2000 currency leaving a net credit of \$2150 for the Medinger account.

**Explains Deposit Slip.**

Witness explained that the deposit slip indicated that amount of \$4150 was derived from the school building fund, that of this amount Medinger received \$2000 currency, the balance of \$2150 being credited on the Medinger account. Witness said that sometimes he served at the bank on July 15, 15 did not pay money out to Medinger, nor did Medinger make any deposit of money on that date.

**Miller a Witness.**

J. O. Miller, cashier of the First National Bank of Las Cruces, testified that in January, 1915, he succeeded W. F. Jacoby as treasurer of the town of Las Cruces.

**"Bank Insolvent in 1912."**

L. B. Wooters testified that he was assistant traveling auditor and bank examiner in 1912 and 1913, and made an examination of the First State bank in October, 1913, reporting to the traveling auditor's office. He declared that at the time the bank was insolvent, that its capital stock was impaired \$6,125. He said that in the latter part of January, 1914, he reported to the condition of the First State bank, basing his findings upon his report, made in October, 1913, and J. W. McCarty's report, made in January, 1914.

This report from the traveling auditor's office, he said, showed a percentage that the capital stock had been impaired, but he could not find the exact figure. He said he was not allowed to testify what the percentage was.

**Bank Closed Year Later.**

Recalled last night, witness testified that he was assistant traveling auditor and bank examiner on December 2, 1914, and recalled the closing of the First State bank of Las Cruces. He received some time in the afternoon of the 20th that he went to Las Cruces and took charge of the bank. He remained there until the 15th or 16th of the month, then put Dr. C. W. Gerber in charge, as a special deputy bank examiner, and he turned over all papers and records of the bank to Gerber.

**County Checks Offered.**

Charles C. Lee, deputy treasurer of Dona Ana county, introduced the treasurer's general cash book, and read the items which were paid out by the county treasurer to the town treasurer. For each item so paid the town treasurer, Lee presented the cancelled check, which was used to make the payment, and the original receipts signed by the town treasurer. On each item was attached the admission to this testimony and these documents, but the court overruled the objection on the state's prom-

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**Attempt to Steal Auto.**

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**No Check for \$4150.**

It was not the casual witness said, to issue a check for each item paid out of the school building fund. Instead, every check was payable to the First State bank, and to cover school board warrants or vouchers, which the bank had cashed. Witness said he had examined the checks and warrants to see if there was any check for \$4150. There was no check for this amount, he said. He said he never authorized any charge against this account, except on checks and warrants.

He declared he never authorized the bank to charge this account in any amount, nor to credit Joe Medinger, except on credit, issued specifically if he authorized a credit of \$4150 for this account on Dec. 2, 1914, said that he was in Silt City on that day and did not remember that he had done anything with reference to the Las Cruces matter. It was only indirectly that he would have authorized the credit. He said he thought Miller succeeded him as town treasurer.

**Memory Not Good.**

Under cross examination, witness said he might have authorized the charge of \$4150 on July 15. Apparently he did not know whether he did or not. He said Turner R. H. Smith was president of the school board, as well as president of the First State bank, which was town treasurer. He said he could not say whether he had ever loaned Smith \$4150, but he had authorized Smith to take money from his account—how much, he could not say—but declared he did not tell him to take it from this school fund.

**CHINESE PRISONER AND JURY DISCHARGED, COURT ADJOURNS**

With the discharge in habeas corpus proceedings of Chin Gim Fook, held by the immigration authorities on a charge of being illegally in the United States, the United States district court

that the testimony would be connected, and its materiality shown later.

**Santa Rita Man a Witness.**

W. F. Jacoby, treasurer of the Las Cruces school building fund in 1914, was on the witness stand the greater part of the session last night. He is now a resident of Santa Rita, and engaged in the mercantile business. He was admitted in evidence on September 2, but he does not know when the resignation was accepted or went into effect. There was a school building fund opened, he said, just after he was sworn in as treasurer. He identified a pass book of the First State bank for the school building fund.

**School Deposits Were Large.**

The pass book was admitted in evidence without objection. It showed a deposit of \$23,305.60. Witness identified two other pass books which he had used for other accounts, and which were admitted in evidence. He said he kept a separate check book for the school building fund. Declared he did not produce the checks after they had been paid and returned to him by the bank, but thought he had destroyed them before leaving Las Cruces. He had a deputy treasurer, John Lerma, who is now dead. He could not recall how Lerma had been paid, but witness turned papers and records over to Lerma, when he left Las Cruces.

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